Programme for Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan

†2842. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of 'Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan' has been going on since Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether any assessment of factors of its implementation has ever been made alongwith the results thereof;

(c) whether the families of Scheduled Tribes living below the poverty line have not got benefit of strategy of regional development; and

(d) whether Government would consider on a family based development strategy instead of that the sub-plan?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the programme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan.

(b) The Ministry has entrusted the Programme Evaluation Organization of the Planning Commission to conduct evaluation study of SCA to TSP.

(c) The schemes implemented under SCA to TSP have benefited the ST families and as per the utilization certificates sent by the State Governments, funds have been utilized for the purposes for which it was released.

(d) The programmes under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) cover the Scheduled Tribe population living below the poverty line. The guidelines on SCA to TSP cover employment-cum-income generation activities and the infrastructure incidental thereto, not only family-based, but also community based, through cluster approach. The ultimate objective of extending SCA to TSP is to boost the income-generation programmes in tribal areas and thus raise the economic and social status of Tribals.

Displacement of tribals due to Polavaram Project

2843. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to Polavaram project with the proposed design, 300 villages in 9 mandals in three districts in Andhra

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